

Vision Statement

Flathead County Parks and Recreation Department will strive to provide a high level of service to the community through well maintained parks, facilities and recreational programs. Through a system of parks and recreation facilities the county will promote a variety of economic, social, environmental and recreation benefits. To optimize resources and achieve these benefits the top priorities of the Park and Recreation Department will be to provide outdoor recreation in a natural setting with an emphasis on water access, to provide opportunities and facilities for organized team sports and to provide a non-motorized trail system that provides large scale connectivity and safe routes to schools, parks and recreation facilities.

Guiding Principles

- 1. Parks and facilities should be developed and maintained in a manner to meet their intended function and that provides a safe and positive experience for users.*
- 2. Plans for parks and recreation facilities should be made in accordance with sound fiscal policy to develop parks in a cost effective manner with adequate funding for long term operation and maintenance.*
- 3. The County shall promote creative partnerships with other government agencies, citizens, schools, and non-profit groups to achieve the goals of the Master Plan.*
- 4. The Parks District shall be good stewards of park lands by being a good neighbor to private property near parks and recognizing the conservation value of parks.*
- 5. County residents should have convenient access to a system of regional and local area parks and programs that are accessible to all segments of the population.*